

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-11 and 13-15 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been rewritten. Claim 12 remains as original.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-11 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho (6,601,643) in view of Sugito (6,681,843). These claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-11 and 13-15 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho et al in view of Sugito and further in view of Eastman (4,274,49). Claim 4 has been canceled.

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho et al in view of Sugito and further in view of Feldman (3,613,778). Claim 5 has been canceled.

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 12 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 8 has been rewritten as an independent claim. Since claim 12 is dependent upon claim 8 and claim 8 has been rewritten to overcome the objection, it follows that claim 12 is also no longer objectionable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claim 8, as amended, and claim 12 are in condition for allowance. Reexamination of the objection is requested. Allowance of claims 8 and 12 at an early date is solicited.

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